

REGION II
*Capital Area * Delaware * Maryland * New Jersey * Pennsylvania*
*Virginia * West Virginia*

Region II Council Meeting
Saturday, November 6, 2004
Greater Baltimore Medical Center

Present were the following:

Megan Marshall, Darla Boyce, Carolyn Devers, Chris Harmon, Ann Snyder, Debbie Josko, Nadine Fydryszewski, Ruth Negley, Charlene Waybright, Connie Laubenthal, Terri Scott, Megan Conklin, Barbara Snyderman, Jaime Zeiders, Mary Ann McLane, and Mary Ellen Koenn.

Mary Ann McLain, Region II Director, opened the Region II Council Meeting at 9:40 AM.

AGENDA

AM - PACE Approved CE

- A. "Providing the Face for the Clinical Laboratory: I Am Not a Room" was presented by Mary Ann McLane. The presentation portrayed changing our own and the public's perception of clinical laboratory science from a laboratory room to a laboratorian (clinical laboratory scientist).
Making this practical and implementation:
1. A CD of the presentation for each state society in Region II.
 2. Mary Ann McLane volunteered to present this presentation in each state in Region for any group.
 3. Opportunities to "Provide the Face":
 - a. NLMW 2005 materials: Promotional Guide from ASCLS.
 - b. "www.ascls.org/labtesting" – use and promotion of this website, sheet of cards to distribute, master copy also on above CD.
 - c. ASCLS Legislative Symposium, March 21-22, 2005.
 - d. Responding to NBC regarding poor portrayal of the laboratory on a recent "ER" episode.
 - e. Power Point presentations available: ASCLS Membership Recruitment, Understanding Laboratory Tests, Member-Get-A-Member: Be an ASCLS Star, Responses to Objections to Joining ASCLS.
- B. Mary Ann McLane shared presentation and materials by David Fowler, Ph.D., CLS(NCA) and Isaac D. Montoya, Ph.D. on Laboratory Doctorate. This path is currently under investigation as possible alternative to entry-level masters for clinical laboratory scientists. The presentation included possible curriculum, rotations, residency, faculty, and lessons from pharmacy.

PM – Business Meeting

1. Approval of the Minutes of 7/29/04 caucus (as prepared by Mary Ellen Koenn) was postponed as copies were not available. Mary Ann McLane has one correction after her review: Ann Snyder, not Barbara Synderman, expressed interest in Leadership Development Committee.
Corrected copies will be distributed via e-mail by Mary Ann McLane.
2. Updates:
 - a. Mary Ann McLane has accepted nomination for second term as Region II director.
 - b. Vickie Cunningham is moving out of Region II and resigned as Region II secretary. Carolyn Devers volunteered to complete her term as Region II secretary (termination July 2006). The Council accepted her offer.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Region II assessment letters and assessment forms prepared by Region II secretary, Donna Odom, were distributed. First payment (based on October 2004 membership numbers) is due February 1, 2005. The second assessment will be based on membership from October 2004 to May 2005.
 - b. Barbara Synderman moved and Debbie Josko seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report (period ending November 6, 2004) as prepared and submitted by Donna Odom.
 - c. The Region II proposed budget for FY2004-2005 was discussed. There were three items in question: Assessments (\$1000.00), Region II Council Expenses (\$1303.11), and Student Advisor (\$500.00). Further information will be gathered and possible e-mail approval of updated budget would be sought.
 - d. There was a discussion of the dates for the Region fiscal year. It should be May 1 to April 30 of each year. Therefore, at April 2, 2005 Region II Council meeting, the budget for 2005-2006 should be presented, discussed, and approved.
4. Student Advisor Report:

Megan Marshall reported on Region II Student Case Study competition, April 2, 2005 at the Region II Council Meeting. Letters with information on competition are being distributed to all program directors in Region II. Prizes: First Place: \$200.00; Second Place: \$100.00; Third Place: \$50.00.
5. Director's Report:

Mary Ann McLane reported or announced the following:

 - a. There are still several national office positions to be filled. Anyone who is interested in serving should contact Bernie Bekken.
 - b. AACC Conference: Top Challenges in Laboratory Management, January 11, 2005, Philadelphia, PA.
 - c. G2 Audioconference: No Room for Errors, November 18, 2005.
 - d. ASCLS Board of Directors conference call, October 29, 2005:
 - 1). ASCLS Forum for Concern on Minorities has a newsletter which will be entered in the national competition for newsletter award.

- 2). The ASCLS selected charity, CMN, has not provided adequate publicity for ASCLS. New guidelines encouraging each state society to select their own charity that will afford better public recognition are being developed for 2006. At the ASCLS National Meeting, the state society award for 2005 will still be for contributions to CMN.
- e. All were encouraged to check out the ASCLS Store for many new educational and promotional items.
- g. Web Site for region societies: Previously, use of ASCLS server and web developer were encouraged. Due to several problems and dissatisfaction that occurred, this is discouraged now.

6. Other Announcements:

- a. Ann Snyder and Carolyn Devers discussed the current situation and publicity surrounding failed standards in clinical laboratories in Maryland. They will be attending a briefing, November 9, 2004, on Laboratory Regulations in Maryland. Paula Hollinger, MD House of Delegates, has spurred the hearing. Ann Snyder is also working to get a POCT representative on the Maryland State laboratory Advisory Committee.
- b. November 1, 2005, a organizational meeting will be held to revive the Capitol Area Society.

E. Adjournment

The Region II Council Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM and a group picture was taken.